

# Weekly Volunteer Update

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit [www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/volunteer) or call 349-3433.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: ***"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."***  
~ Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## **Monroe County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - Orientation Sept. 3**

CASA volunteers provide representation in juvenile court for child victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect. You advocate for a child to ensure that he or she remains at the forefront of court proceedings, acting as his or her voice in court. Prospective volunteers are asked to attend a volunteer orientation on Sept. 3 from 6:30-8 p.m. and to complete a volunteer application by Sept. 19. Volunteers must be at least 21, able to commit to 10-15 hours/month for 1-2 years, complete 36 hours of training, have a valid drivers license, be able to travel to surrounding counties, and have daytime schedule flexibility. Training will be on Tues. and Thurs. from 6-9 p.m. from Oct. 7-Nov. 13. CASA is a program of the Family Service Association, a United Way agency. Please contact 339-1551 ext. 24 or [monroecasa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:monroecasa@sbcglobal.net). ([www.monroementalhealth.com/casa.asp](http://www.monroementalhealth.com/casa.asp))

## **Salsa Contest, Drool in the Pool, Learn to Ride**

The City Parks and Recreation Department needs volunteers for three upcoming events. Volunteers at the Salsa Contest at the Farmers' Market on Aug. 30 will dish out samples and keep chips plentiful from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Minimum age is 16. Drool in the Pool, on Sept. 4 and 5, gives dog lovers the opportunity to bring their four-legged friends to either the first evening, which is strictly dog paddling or the second evening, which has giveaways, splashtacular contests and stupid pet tricks. Volunteers assist with giveaways, contests or as a dog lifeguard from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Minimum age is 16. Learn to Ride volunteers on Sept. 9-11 and Sept. 16-18 will help inexperienced bike riders practice balance and coordination, learn about bike maintenance, riding etiquette and road safety from 3:30-5:45 p.m. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Kim Ecenbarger at 349-3739 or [ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov) ([www.bloomington.in.gov/parks](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)).

## **WFHB - Training Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1**

Have you ever wanted your own radio show or wondered how all that stuff gets on the air? WFHB (91.3 & 98.1) is a volunteer-powered independent radio station that lets its listeners become the media – creating music and information programs for broadcast in South Central Indiana. Find out more about how to get involved as a volunteer at the monthly WFHB new volunteer orientation session on the first Saturday of the month (Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1) at 11 a.m. Minimum ages vary with programs. Please contact Joy Laughter at 323-1200 or [volunteer@wfhb.org](mailto:volunteer@wfhb.org) ([www.wfhb.org](http://www.wfhb.org)).

## **Bloomington Hospital Hospice and Transitions Programs - Information Session Sept. 13**

Anyone interested in becoming part of a team providing compassionate and supportive end-of-life care is invited to attend an information session at Bloomington Hospital Wegmiller Auditorium on Saturday, September 13 at 1:30 p.m. Volunteers must be at least 18 and have their own vehicle. Please contact Melanie at 353-9818, 353-9804 or [mmiller@bloomingtonhospital.org](mailto:mmiller@bloomingtonhospital.org). ([www.bloomingtonhospital.org](http://www.bloomingtonhospital.org)).

## **People and Animal Learning Services (PALS) - Training Sept. 13**

Find out more about this therapeutic riding program at their new volunteer training on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 1-4 p.m. PALS volunteers help children and adults with disabilities learn how to ride horses by leading horses & side-walking with riders during lessons. Volunteers also assist with barn chores such as grooming, saddling, training, cleaning stalls and caring for horses. No horse experience necessary! A commitment of 3-4 hours per week is requested. Minimum age is 14. To RSVP for the training or request a volunteer packet, please contact Fern Bonchek at 336-2798 or [pals@indiana.edu](mailto:pals@indiana.edu) ([www.palstherapy.org](http://www.palstherapy.org)).

## **Community Wish List – Grant a wish for this community organization!**

**Monroe County Youth Soccer** Cutters Soccer Club provides age-specific training and games for recreational and travel players ages 5 through 18. To grant a wish for this organization, contact David Weigand at 333-8010 or [cutters\\_soccer@yahoo.com](mailto:cutters_soccer@yahoo.com) ([www.mcysoccer.org](http://www.mcysoccer.org)).

Wishes: first aid kits

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